

ABSTRACT

A method, apparatus, and signal-bearing media for fulfilling service requests by breaking a service request up into multiple sub-requests and using a registry server to find peers who can fulfill the sub-requests. The registry server contains an identification of
5 services and the peers who may perform the services.

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